

Dear Committee Member:
Re: Opposition of Proposed Bill 1094

I am writing in regard to bill number 1094 (banning of large capacity magazines), which I Oppose. This is a bill in search of a problem that does not exist. There is no substantiated evidence between the size of a detachable magazine and violent crime.

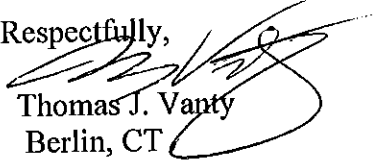
Proposed bill 1094 would negatively impact the majority of law abiding sportsmen and women in Connecticut. These owners of "large capacity" magazines are not criminals or individuals that commit violent acts; they are honest, trustworthy citizens who own these magazines for lawful purposes including sport, competition, or self-defense.

As a husband, father and business owner, I am in favor of a safe environment for our fellow citizens. However considering the fact that Connecticut already has some of the most comprehensive gun laws in the country, enacting additional regulations would only affect law abiding gun owners, not criminals who already disregard current laws.

In addition, has there been any consideration in the State or Town budgets for the application of this proposed law? What agency would be responsible for the collection and processing? Where would the funding come from to handle tens of thousands of magazines? How would each law abiding citizen be compensated for the forfeiture of their legally acquired property?

With the above information in mind, I strongly Oppose Proposed Bill 1094 and ask for your thoughtful consideration if this bill is voted on.

Respectfully,


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